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## This Week at GSU

- 27 "How to Buy a Computer System" workshop, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 27 Pre-admissions Counseling Sessions, 5 to 8 p.m., Orland Park Place
- 28 "Front-Line Client Contact: Getting Positive Results" workshop, 10 a.m. to noon, Hall of Honors.
- 28 Betty Elliott Retirement Reception, 3:30 to 5 p.m., Engbretson Hall.
- 28 Phi Delta Kappa meeting, lecture by Dr. George Garrett, 7 p.m.
- 1 Regional Center for Performing Arts press conference, 2:30 p.m., GSU Theatre.
- 1 "dBase II Plus - Introduction" workshop, 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through March 29, Orland Park Place.
- 1 "Lotus 1,2,3 Release 2.01 Introduction," workshop, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays through March 29, Orland Park Place.
- 1 "WordPerfect" workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through March 8.
- 1 "Looking at Some History: Films/Discussion" lecture by Dr. Harriet Gross, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Hall of Honors.
- 2 Block 3 classes begin.
- 2 "Highlights of DOS Version 4.0" workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## GSU students join others in model UN debate

"You can't just blame one country. It has to be give and take..."  
"You recognize a state that doesn't have a legitimate government. That's dangerous!"

"There's a question of what direction Arafat is going..."

No, it's not a TV news commentary show, but it is a true accounting of debate by GSU students and others at the Model United Nations simulation on the GSU campus Feb. 18.

Led by Dr. Larry Levinson, professor of political science, GSU students teamed with students from the University of Illinois-Chicago, Triton College and North Central College for the afternoon of debate as United Nations delegates from 13 countries would have done.



Isaac Eferighe (front) was a GSU participant.

The topics weren't easy -- the recognition of a Palestinian state and sending a U.N. peacekeeping mission to Afghanistan -- but they aren't new to these students.

GSU students didn't know which U.N. nation they'd represent until they arrived that afternoon, but Levinson said it isn't difficult for them to get into the mind-set of countries like Senegal, China and Great Britain because they meet weekly and discuss the top issues in the news. These students are also very well read, Levinson said.

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## Annual alumni phonathon begins on March 5

The annual alumni phonathon begins next Sunday, and Ginni Burghardt, GSU alumni director, still is looking for volunteers to help handle the daily telephoning. Faculty and staff may call extension 2215 or 2216 to volunteer.

The phonathon continues through March 23 and calling will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays and from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays. Snacks and refreshments are provided for the Sunday afternoon sessions and dinner and refreshments are provided for the evening callers.

"The Civil Service Senate has committed to fill the 20 phones on two evenings, Wednesday, March 8, and Thursday, March 9," Ginni said. She explained that Civil Service staffers should call Chris Tolbertt at extension 2586 if they wish

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## GSU alumni phonathon begins this Sunday

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to volunteer.

Callers from the University Library will fill the phones on March 15, Ginni said.

This year the Alumni Association's board of directors has designated funds raised from the phonathon to support faculty development, scholarships, and the library, Burghardt said.

She said "additional funds raised will be earmarked for the child care center, equipment for handicapped students and other university priorities."

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## Cafeteria Menu

(Week of Feb. 27 to March 3)

**Monday** - Creole soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: pot roast beef, mostacioli w/ meat sauce and garlic toast, wax beans and pimento, whipped potatoes.

**Tuesday** - Lima bean soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: roast turkey breast w/dressing, B.B.Q. beef sandwich, seasoned peas, candied sweet potatoes.

**Wednesday** - Cream of celery soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: roast pork w/ dressing and applesauce, Swedish meatballs over rice, roll and butter, mixed vegetables, oven browned potatoes.

**Thursday** - Garden vegetable soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: salisbury steak, fillet of chicken sandwich w/lettuce and tomato, green beans, whipped potatoes.

**Friday** - tomato rice soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: baked haddock in lemon butter sauce, pizza slice, vegetable dejour, whipped potatoes.

Entrees include vegetable, potato, roll and butter.

(Menu subject to change)

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## Employee of the Month

# SAS word processing operator traveled a long road to GSU

By Marilyn Thomas

How does the girl from "down on the farm" find her way to Governors State where her talents and abilities win her the February "Employee of the Month" award?

It wasn't too hard a road, says **Sherry Kohl**, word processing operator III for Student Affairs and Services (SAS).

Sherry grew up in the farming community of Galva, about 2 1/2 hours drive west of GSU on I-80. Galesburg was the "big city" for her in those days. Her parents owned a farm, and Sherry did her share of bean-picking and other chores.

Just after high school graduation she met her husband, **Harold**, who'd come to Galva to work for a farming-related business after graduating from Joliet Junior College. He'd been raised on a farm in Mokena. About a year after their introductions, the two were married and Harold ended up in the Air Force.

Sherry remembers it as a wonderful time. Her husband didn't like the military, but they both enjoyed the moves that gave them a chance to live in Tucson, San Francisco and Washington.

After the service, the Kohls moved back to Galva where Harold worked for a fertilizer company. Then he decided to take advantage of his GI Bill benefits and the family moved to the campus of Western Illinois University where he completed his degree. Besides working full and part-time jobs, Sherry took courses in computers, word processing and business communications while they were at WIU.

After Harold's graduation, the couple and their two sons moved to New Lenox

and today he's farming. "I always told myself I'd never marry a farmer," she laughs.

The family moved to New Lenox nearly five years ago, and Sherry was hired by GSU shortly after that. Even though she'd had computer courses, Sherry said it was the "on the job" intensive training those first two weeks at GSU that gave the hands-on experience she'd never gotten in her computer classes.

Sherry is the word processor for all of SAS which includes Dean of Students **Cathy Taylor**, and the offices of Financial Aid, Admissions and Student Recruitment, Student Development, Student Life, Career Planning and Placement and the Registrar's Office.

"The five units of SAS are very fortunate to benefit from the high quality of Sherry's work," **Ursula Sklan** of ASR said in her nomination. "Not only does (the work) look excellent, but it is done willingly and with great speed."

"Our units, especially admissions, give her long reports and publications to type; they always come back to us in record time, and Sherry makes corrections willingly and quickly," Sklan added. "She has a very good attitude."

Sherry admits the workload can be intense at times, but she will give herself breaks. Her lunch hours are planned out each semester: volleyball on Tuesdays and Thursdays and exercise on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

"I love the volleyball," she said. She used to play on a ladies team in New Lenox and really got into the sport. The game here at GSU is just as much fun, she said, because it's not taken too seriously.

Those on staff who don't know Sherry personally have probably all had a peak into her office near the cashier's windows.

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Sherry Kohl

## ***The Grapevine***

### **GSU prof uses mini-grant to study nature's makeup**

We all enjoy looking at nature's beauty. The same holds true for **Dr. Richard Fries** in the CAS Division of Science, but he's going a step further. With a GSU mini-grant, Fries is doing research on the intricacies of nature's makeup by studying the chlorophyll processes.

Chlorophyll is the green photosynthetic coloring matter of plants, but how it functions in molecule clusters and how chlorophyll builds its clusters are questions Fries is investigating. He plans to modify chlorophyll into small crystalline units and then take those units to develop new chlorophyll compounds. He hopes to be able to determine how the reaction of the first molecule of the cluster affects the actions of the rest of the molecules in the cluster.

Fries said the organic biochemistry work of making purified derivatives of chlorophyll can be done in the GSU lab, but the work of determining how light causes a chain reaction in the clusters will probably be done at Argonne National Laboratory where a laser spectrophotometer is available.

### **Dr. Donaldson receives voc-ed special recognition**

**Dr. Robert Donaldson** of the CBPA Division of Public Administration has been named "Friend of Vocational Education" by the Illinois Vocational Association. He received the award at the group's Feb. 17 annual meeting in Springfield.

Donaldson was honored for his work as the university's coordinator of occupational education programs, for his liaison on behalf of GSU with the University Council of Vocational Education, and for his lobbying efforts before the Illinois legislature for adequate funding for vocational education.

### **Pair becomes new GSU 'stars of the airwaves'**

GSU's latest "stars of the airwaves" are **Dr. Leon Zalewski** of the CE Division of Education, and **Dick Pride**, director of admissions and student recruitment.

Zalewski is moderator and facilitator for a science curriculum development program originating from GSU but airing in Springfield for a Feb. 28 videoconference to teachers and administrators from Illinois' smaller school districts.

Pride will appear on the Lake County, Ind., Channel 56 on March 15 as a guest on the "College Bound" program explaining GSU's curricula, financial aid, student body makeup and support services.

### **GSU Musical Ambassadors offering 'open mike'**

The GSU Musical Ambassadors are giving you a chance to fulfill your secret desires to perform.

As part of the CAS Division of Fine and Performing Arts "Festival of Arts" March 9-11, the Ambassadors are hosting an "Open Mike Evening" beginning at 7:30 p.m. on March 9 in E Lounge.

Musicians and singers can perform solo or as participants in jam sessions.

### **Day Care kids ready to 'hop' for a worthy cause**

"Hop to it!" say the children from the GSU Day Care Center who will be hopping for United Cerebral Palsy at 10 a.m. March 1 in the Hall of Governors.

The Springtime Bunny will be joining them in this annual fundraising activity. The two-minute hop is the children's symbolic way of helping others.

Those who want to join with them can make pledges to the United Cerebral Palsy that morning or send checks made payable to United Cerebral Palsy to the Child Care Center.

## **Published**

**Dr. Eli Segal** (CAS), a short story from his radio play, "Serendipitous Sally from Silicon Valley," to be published in the Tinley Park literary review *Arts Alive* in April...**Dr. Sam Enyia** (CAS), an article titled "Digital Video: One Year Later" in the January issue of *AV/Video: Production and Presentation Technology*; the article discusses the latest digital video production systems giving information on the development of digital video production and technology with an explanation of why video company executives across the nation are investing large sums of money in digital video equipment; the application of digital video in television post production also is covered...**Isaac Eferighe** (PO), an article in the *Midwest Model United Nations Delegate Handbook* titled "Providing Humanitarian Assistance to Refugees"; the article was written in conjunction with the Midwest Model United Nations simulation held at GSU earlier this month...**Dr. Brian Malec** (CHP), serving as co-guest editor of a special issue of *The Journal of Health Administration Education* on management information systems; the special issue, *MIS Issues for Health Administration Education and Curriculum Guide*, tentatively has been scheduled for publication in winter of this year...**Ellen Kahn** (BO), an article in *SEARCH*, the international quarterly for researchers of Jewish genealogy, Winter Issue; the six-page article titled "My Success in Obtaining Genealogical Records from West Germany" includes specifics for writing to Germany to obtain copies of family birth, death and marriage records. It gives illustrations of the records Kahn received and describes her trip to Germany in July 1987.

## **Farewell scheduled**

The GSU community is invited to bid farewell to a retiring employee.

**Betty Elliott** is retiring Feb. 28 and the Personnel Office staff is hosting a going-away party for her from 3:30 to 5 p.m. that day in Engbretson Hall.

## Five U.S. Congressmen at GSU video event

Five U.S. Congressmen last week told the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities (BOG) that no new money can be expected from the federal government.

Speaking live from Washington, D.C.,

## Worker finds GSU at end of long road

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"There isn't a trimester that goes by without someone coming in to complement me on my plants. One lady asked me how I managed to keep them so green!" -- a comment Sherry really thought was funny since the patio scene is a reproduction on wall paper.

Outside of work, Sherry is active at St. John United Church of Christ in Mokena where she teaches Bible study and volunteers for other programs and events.

### Civil Service

## Meet Jackie Schimke, a CS Senate leader

Jackie Schimke joined the Civil Service Senate in March 1987 and immediately got involved. She's now serves as a member of the senate executive committee.

Now a staff member in the College of Education, Jackie has worked in several offices within the university. She came to GSU in 1979 as extra help in the President's Office. She then got a full-time position in Physical Plant Operations. She later transferred to CE where she's worked for six years.

In her off hours, the Steger resident reads, cooks and is the proud owner of a horse. The mother of four children, she has one grandson.



Jackie Schimke

for a BOG meeting videoconference at GSU, the congressmen also said tuition grants will not replace student loans, higher education must convince Congress that its problems are serious, and recent moves toward "earmarked" funds for specific colleges and universities set a harmful trend.

"All decisions will be affected by the budget," said U.S. Rep. Terry Bruce, D-Olney. "We don't see any major initiatives from the federal government for higher education."

Also addressing the BOG were U.S. Rep. Lane Evans, D-Rock Island, U.S. Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Yorkville, U.S. Rep. Edward Madigan, R-Lincoln, and U.S. Rep. George Sangmeister, D-Mokena.

Each of the congressmen represents a portion of the region served by the BOG universities.



Five members of Congress discuss higher educational issues with members of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities (BOG) during a meeting on the GSU campus last week.

## YMCA schedules Yoga class for GSU employees

Would you like to relax?

Beginning Feb. 28 a twice-weekly Hatha-YOGA class will be offered by the YMCA from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The leader, Karen Neilson, suggests participants wear loose, comfortable clothing such as warm-ups, and bring a towel or small blanket.

Cost is \$32 per person for YMCA members.

## Model UN comes to GSU

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In 1988, GSU represented Zimbabwe at the Regional Midwest Model United Nations Conference, and this year Levinson will lead a delegation of nine students to New York for the national model U.N. conference where they'll represent Sao Tome and Principe, two islands off the coast of Africa that make up one tiny non-aligned nation. Their trip March 21-25 is funded in part by the GSU Alumni Association and the Office of Student Life.

## This Week at GSU

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- 2 "Demo of Turbo Tax: A Software Program for Your PC" workshop, 2 to 4 p.m., Rm. D3905.
- 2 "Developing a Student Activities Fund Proposal" leadership development workshop, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., Campus Center.
- 2-8 Block 3 Add-Drop/Late Registration, 3 to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday.
- 3 "dBaseIII Plus-Introduction" workshop, 1 to 4 p.m. Fridays through March 31.
- 3 Social Club Beach Party, 8 p.m. to midnight, University Theatre (\$3 charge).
- 4 "Quattro-Introduction" workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays through March 11.
- 5 Alumni Association Phonathon Fund Drive begins, 1 to 4 p.m., Engbretson Hall.

All events held at University Park campus unless otherwise noted.